

WE CLAIM

1. A toothbrush comprising a resilient element, said
resilient element comprising an elastomer into which is
5 incorporated an abrasive, characterized in that the
abrasive is perlite.
2. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the
perlite is present from 0.01% to 50% v/v of the
10 elastomer.
3. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the
perlite is present from 0.01% to 10% w/w of the
elastomer.
- 15 4. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the median
particle diameter of the perlite is from 10 to 50 μm .
5. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the
20 resilient element is wall-like.
6. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the
elastomer comprises a styrene block copolymer.
- 25 7. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the
elastomer has a Shore A hardness from 5 to 80.

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8. A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1 in which the perlite has a bulk density of 100 to 180 g/l.

5 9. A method of whitening the teeth by brushing with a toothbrush comprising a resilient element, said resilient element comprising an elastomer into which is incorporated an abrasive, characterized in that the abrasive is perlite.

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